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P R E F A C E

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNS, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. FOIA b3a-three
FOIA b3a reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent FOIA b3a working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator FOIA b3a. The Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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Military-Economic Report

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

27 March 1943

More Important Reports

(1) In radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet, a message of 24 March from Moscow to Kazan (?) confirmed the Georgian Directorate (compare Daily Report 22/3).

(2) In a message of 25 March from Kazan (?) to Moscow an independent Ob. flight division is mentioned. This is to be considered identical to the Ob. division mentioned on 25 March.

Personnel Situation

(3) Stalingrad NKRF urgently requires electrical fitters. They are to be transported by plane.

(4) Kalach NKRF needs divers and engineers. Four of each type are required.

(5) For the 2nd quarter, 25 men were authorized for training for the River Fleet in Rybacha.

(6) The following are being transferred to Omsk for practical training:

From Plant "Stalin"	20 stokers
From NKRF Plant in Semipalatinsk	25 ship machinists
	10 pilots

(7) In the 2nd quarter, 45 mobilized workers are being transferred to the Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency.

Food Supply

(8) In the 2nd quarter for Ilijsk NKRF, 10 additional noon rations were established for management personnel.

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(9) Rybache NKRF will receive an additional 0.5 ton of butter for the first quarter.

(10) Saratov NKRF is receiving 2 tons of vegetable oil and 0.8 ton of sugar for supplying river captains.

(11) In order to guarantee three meals to students in trade and craft schools, the offices of the NKRF will receive additional beans and barley from March to June.

Material Supply

(12) For the 2nd quarter the Armenian NK for the Textile Industry in Erevan requires 2 tons of paper for the paper combine in Ingursk.

Metal Supply

Tiflis

(13) The Directorate for Special Assembly Work reports the following inventory to "Special Assembly", Moscow:

Iron	101 tons
Pipe	37 meters

(14) The Construction Directorate requires a supply of 3 tons of iron (2 millimeters) from the Chief Directorate for Armaments Industrial Construction in Moscow.

(15) Zestafoni "Ferro" Plant plans to ship 75% ferro-silicon as follows:

Plant #174	20 tons
Plant #178	40 "
Plant #183	20 "

Since this order comes from the Chief Directorate for Supply and Sales of the Tank Industry in Moscow, it is to be considered that it concerns plants which manufacture tanks or spare parts for tanks.

(16) Manganese Trust in Chiaturi has to ship manganese ore as follows:

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On 13 March to "Magnitka"	230 cars
to "Ferro Plant"	60 "

On 14 March to "Magnitka"	373 "
to "Ferro Plant"	60 "

Since these deliveries are directed to the Sverdlovsk Chief Directorate, the plants mentioned might presumably be located in Sverdlovsk.

(17) In February Gorkij Metal Industry received in its scheduled delivery:

On 24 February from Chiaturi	Ore	5 cars
On 27 February	Ore	5 tons

(18) River Fleet Supply has to deliver to Gorkij Harbor 8 kilograms of tin and 74 kilograms of white metal (83%).

(19) In April the Timber Industry in Raznezhe will receive 2 tons of metal hawser and in May and June, 3 tons.

(20) Kujbyshev NKRF will receive 11.15 tons of steel hawser from the industrial sales.

Oil Supply

(21) The River Fleet Depot in Astrakhan requires for supplying the Fleet:

Machine oil	2 tons
Avtol	1.5 tons
Viscosine	1 ton
Motor oil	1 ton
Petroleum	1.5 tons
Solidol	0.8 ton

(22) Krasnoyarsk NKRF will receive 4 tons of petroleum and 1 ton of ligroin from the Chief Directorate for Oil Sales.

Coal Supply

(23) The Shoe Industry in Tiflis will receive as a loan 200 tons of coal from State Reserves.

(24) For March 7200 tons of coal have been authorized for the Combine for Synthetic Rubber in Erevan.

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(25) In 15 days of March 1800 tons of coal have been shipped for the Combine. Because of the lack of coal, a part of the plant has been idle and the danger exists that the plant might be completely shut down.

(26) The Rubber Industry in Erevan requires 3000 tons of Tkvarcheli coal each month from the NK for the Rubber Industry in Moscow.

Timber Supply

(27) Novosibirsk NKRF is to receive from the Chief Directorate for Timber Supply the remaining 12,000 cubic meters of timber from the first quarter of 1943.

(28) Omsk NKRF has to float the following quantities of timber according to schedule:

	<u>In the Entire Navigation Period</u>	<u>In the 2nd Quarter</u>
Total Quantity	15,000 cbm	10,000 cbm
Transported by rafts	5,500 tons	3,000 tons

For this work, 15 mobilized workers are being assigned.

Textile Supply

(29) "Volgatanker" in Astrakhan will receive additionally from the Chief Directorate for Textile Sales in Stalingrad:

Cotton	For 144,000 rubles
Wool	22,000 "
Silk	32,000 "
Yarn	4,000 "

(30) Ust Usa NKRF is manufacturing for the Fish Catch:

Large nets	2 Units
Small nets	15 "
Under repair	380 meters
Employed	20 people

Miscellaneous

(31) Members of a Party office of the NKRF in Novosibirsk received a bonus in the amount of a month's wages for good work performances.

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(32) Employees of the NKRF Plant "Lenin" in Astrakhan received a bonus of 30,000 rubles for good performances in February.